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SUBJ: BRAZILIAN MISSION TO PORTUGAL

NICOLAS FRANCO (NEPHEW OF GENERAL FRANCO AND NATIONAL COUNCILOR FROM LA CORUNA) TOLD DCM IN CONFIDENCE AT DINNER LAST NIGHT THAT TWO BRAZILIANS HAD JUST ARRIVED MADRID AND WOULD PROCEED TODAY FOR LISBON FOR TALKS WITH PORTUGUESE OFFICIALS. THE TWO BRAZILIANS, FRANCO SAID, WERE PRIVATE CITIZENS OF LIBERAL POLITICAL ORIENTATION, ONE THE EX-GOVERNOR OF RIO DE JANEIRO PROVINCE, WHO WERE BEING SENT BY THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT TO EXPLORE WITHOUT POUBLICITY POSSIBILITIES OF FURTHERING RELATIONS BETWEEN GOB AND NEW PORTUGUESE REGIME. THEY WERE TRAVELLING VIA MADRID RATHER THAN DIRECTLY TO LISBON IN ORDER TO AVOID ATTENTION. FRANCO (WHO LIVED IN PORTUGAL A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO WHILE HIS FATHER WAS SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO LISBON AND IS NOW PRESIDENT OF THE SPANISH-PORTUGUESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE) SAID THAT HE WAS ADVISED OF THE BRAZILIAN MISSION BY A FRIEND IN THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT.
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